

Judicial Administration Committee  
Judicial Conference of Indiana

**Minutes**  
July 12, 2002

The Judicial Administration Committee of the Judicial Conference of Indiana met at the Indiana Judicial Center on Friday, July 12, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

1. Members present. Scott R. Bowers, Roland W. Chamblee, Karen M. Love, Clarence D. Murray, Tanya Walton Pratt, Judith S. Proffitt, Michael A. Shurn, P. Thomas Snow, David L. Welch and Frances C. Gull, Chair.
2. Staff present. Jeffrey Bercovitz provided the committee with staff assistance.
3. Guests present. Ron Miller, State Court Administrator's Office; Mr. Jim Jezek via speakerphone; Vicki Davis; and Michelle Goodman were also present.
4. Minutes approved. The meeting minutes for the committee on June 14, 2002 were approved.
5. Weighted caseload update.
  - a. Committee members discussed the July 3 draft Weighted Caseload Measures Update Report that was mailed previously. The committee agreed to use Indiana's numbers for the number of times jury trials, bench trials and plea/admissions that occurred for judge actions. Mr. Jezek explained the "trial preparation time" was generally a combination of the frequency of jury trial and bench trial frequency of judge actions. The committee agreed to use this for Indiana's judge times as was done in the last study. The committee reviewed portions of the report including the components of tables of average times judges spend on cases and the wording of executive summary, main body of the report and appendices.
  - b. Judge Gull agreed to write a letter asking the Division of State Court Administration to ask judges with capital murder cases to keep timesheets on these cases since there was little data in this area. The committee also agreed to ask Mr. Jezek if there were national averages in this area. He also agreed to review the data on the frequency of judge actions postjudgment CHINS cases. The committee agreed to review a revised draft at their next meeting.
6. Jury reform. Committee members discussed "hot topic" ideas for use during the September conference session on the new jury rules with Vicki Davis and Michelle Goodman.
7. Next meeting. The committee agreed to meet again on Friday, August 9, 2002, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center. They agreed to cancel the September 11 meeting and hold their next meetings on Friday, October 11, and November 8, 2002 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Indiana Judicial Center.

Respectfully submitted,

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